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Remarks:

*Regarding the Restriction Requirement:*

In the paper dated 30.Apr.2010, the Examiner entered the following division of the claims:

Group I: claims 31 – 44, drawn to a surface treatment composition, and

Group II: claims 45-47, drawn to a method of treating a surface.

The applicant respectfully TRAVERSES the Examiner's division of the claims into Groups I - II as in their view, the subject matter of each of the Group II claims are sufficiently proximate to the subject matter of the Group I claims -- from which each of the Group II claims ultimately depend -- such that a search of the subject matter of the claims of Group I would be sufficiently proximate in scope to the subject matter of the Group II claims, thus permitting for a meaningful search without imparting any additional or undue burden upon the Examiner. Thus, the Restriction Requirement should be properly withdrawn.

Should the Examiner maintain the Restriction Requirement, in to ensure the sufficiency of this response, the applicant *provisionally* elects the subject matter of the Group I claims for further prosecution. The corresponding claims of the Group I are claims 31 – 44 as indicated and identified by the Examiner.

*Regarding the Election of Species Requirement:*

In the paper dated 30.Apr.2010, the Examiner entered an election of species requirement concerning the claims. The applicant TRAVERSES this requirement, but in order that this paper may be fully compliant the applicant *provisionally* elects, with regard to the "species", of the "...at least two different organic acids each present both as an organic acid and as an organic acid salt." (see claim 1), the applicant: citric acid/sodium citrate with lactic acid/sodium lactate. The Examiner's attention is also directed to applicant's examples and "Formulation A" which specifically exemplifies these species. The most

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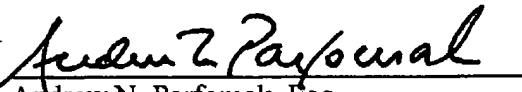
proximate corresponding claim to the aforesaid *provisional* election is claim 38 as presented in this paper.

Should the Examiner in charge of this application believe that telephonic communication with the undersigned would meaningfully advance the prosecution of this application, they are invited to call the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

**CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR FEES**

Should any further fee be required by the Commissioner in order to permit the timely entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully Submitted;



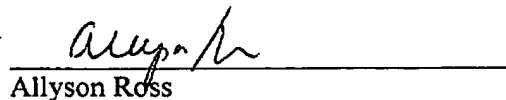
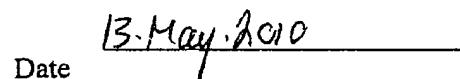
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